House of Representatives

Senate

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twelve public bills, H. R. 6596-6607; eight private bills, H. R. 6608-6615; and five resolutions, H. J. Res. 388-390, and H. Res. 413 and 414, were introduced.

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Escort Committee: Representatives McCormack, Doughton, and Martin of Massachusetts were appointed by the Speaker, on the part of the House, to escort the President into the House Chamber.

President's Message: Before a joint session of both Houses of Congress, President Truman delivered his state of the Union message.

The message was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed as a House document (H. Doc. No. 389).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate debated oleo-tax repeal.

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Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2781 to S. 2790; and S. Res. 201 and S. Res. 202.

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Washington's Farewell Address: The Vice President designated Senator O'Conor, of Maryland, to read George Washington's Farewell Address on February 22.

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Oleomargarine Tax: Senate continued debate on H. R. 2023, repeal of oleomargarine tax. Pending at recess was amendment in the form of a substitute proposed by Senator Wiley and others, prohibiting manufacture, transportation, sale, or use of yellow oleomargarine in interstate commerce.

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Nominations: Sixty-four civilian nominations were received, including that of Oscar L. Chapman to be Secretary of the Interior, numerous foreign service appointments with four in the rank of ambassador, and numerous Federal judgeships. One Navy nomination in the rank of admiral was also received. Poges 106–107

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The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 6, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Announced tentative schedule of hearings to be held by its subcommittees on the following appropriation bills—

	Start Hearings	End Hearings		Mark-up By	
Agriculture	. Jan. 9	Feb.	17	Feb.	28
Civil functions		Jan.	20	Jan.	31
District of Columbia	. Do	Do		Do	
Independent offices	Do	Mar.	3	Mar.	15

	Start Hearings	End Hearings		Mark-up By	
Interior	Jan. 9	Feb.	10	Feb.	21
Labor-Federal Security	Do .	Feb.	3	Feb.	14
Military	Do	Mar.	3	Mar.	15
State, Justice, Commerce,					
and the Judiciary	Do	Feb.	17	Mar.	I
Treasury-Post Office	Jan. 5	Feb.	3	Feb.	14

CONTESTED ELECTION

Committee on House Administration: The Subcommittee on Elections (Representative Harrison, chairman), opened hearings on the contested-election case of Blackney versus Stevens, Sixth District of Michigan. Counsel and witnesses for both principals were heard, and the subcommittee announced further consideration of the case will be had at an executive meeting on Tuesday, January 10.